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SUBJ: BAN ON COMMERCIAL IMPORTATION OF KANGAROO PRODUCTS--

SUBMISSION OF GOA CERTIFICATION FOR WEST AUSTRALIA

REF: (A) STATE 279918 (NOTAL), (B) CANBERRA 3204,

(C) STATE 043102(NOTAL)

1. THE EMBASSY TRANSMITS THE FULL TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE
703/1/1 OF DECEMBER 3, 1976 CONTAINING THE GOA'S CERTIFICATION
FOR WEST AUSTRALIA:

QTE THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
AS FORESHADOWED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S NOTE 703/1/1 OF 28 APRIL
1976 HAS THE HONOUR TO ADVISE THE FOLLOWING:

QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA HAS
REPEALED THE VERMIN ACT 1918-1973 WHICH LISTED THE RED
KANGAROO AS "VERMIN" IN CERTAIN PARTS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND
REPLACED IT BY THE AGRICULTURE AND RELATED RESOURCES PROTECTION
ACT 1976. WITH THIS CHANGE IN LEGISLATION WESTERN AUSTRALIA
NO LONGER LISTS ANY OF THE KANGAROO SPECIES IN QUESTION,
NAMELY THE RED, EASTERN GREY AND WESTERN GREY, AS "VERMIN".
THIS TERM IS NO LONGER APPLIED BY LEGISLATION TO THOSE
KANGAROO SPECIES IN THAT STATE.

QTE IT IS NOW CONSIDERED THAT THERE SHOULD NO LONGER BE
ANY BARRIER TO THE IMPORTATION OF KANGAROO SKINS AND PRODUCTS
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INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIA. IN ACCORDANCE

WITH THE EARLIER PROVISIONS DETAILED BY THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON BEHALF OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE WISHES TO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WESTERN AUSTRALIA HAS NOW COMPLETELY SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED BY BOTH THE GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE IMPORTATION OF KANGAROO SKINS AND PRODUCTS INTO THE UNITED STATES.

QTE THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE EMBASSY COULD FORWARD THIS ADVICE, TOGETHER WITH THE ENCLOSED COPIES OF THE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, AND THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN KANGAROO CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, TO THE APPROPRIATE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES.

QTE THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

2. EMBASSY POUCHING FOR EA/ANP -- NELSON FOR TRANSMISSION TO FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (A) ORIGINAL OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE; (B) A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATION FROM THE STATE OF WEST AUSTRALIA DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE; AND (C) A COPY OF THE WEST AUSTRALIA KANGAROO MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR WEST AUSTRALIA.

3. GOA OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN LED TO UNDERSTAND BY OFFICERS OF USFWS WITH WHOM THEY TALKED IN BERN THAT REMOVAL OF IMPORT BAN BEING HELD UP LARGELY BECAUSE OF LACK OF CERTIFICATION FROM WEST AUSTRALIA. NOW THAT CERTIFICATION HAS BEEN SUPPLIED, THEY HAVE ASKED FOR AN ESTIMATE AS TO WHEN BAN LIKELY TO BE REMOVED. ALTHOUGH THEY REALIZE THAT USFWS PRESENTLY HAS A HEAVY CASE LOAD, THEY HAVE PRESSED POINT THAT AUSTRALIAN PRIORITY SHOULD GO BACK TO APRIL 28, 1976 WHEN ORIGINAL CERTIFICATIONS FOR QUEENSLAND, NEW SOUTH WALES AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA SUBMITTED. OFFICIALS HAVE POINTED OUT THAT ORIGINAL USFWS RULES MADE DID NOT CONTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION BY ALL STATES BEFORE ACTION COULD BE TAKEN. IN FACT THEY HAVE AGAIN POINTED OUT THAT USFWS MESSAGE IN REF C PASSED TO GOA PER INSTRUCTIONS- CONTAINED IN PARA 4 FOLLOWING WORDING QTE UPON RECEIVING SUCH UNCLASSIFIED

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CERTIFICATION FROM GOA FOR ANY AUSTRALIAN STATE, THE DIRECTOR WILL ISSUE A PROPOSED RULEMAKING...END QTE.

4. DEPARTMENT'S ESTIMATION OF POSSIBLE TIMETABLE IS REQUESTED.
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